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## CONRAD BURNS

DEPUTY WHIP

**FAMILY**

Married, Phyllis Burns

**CHILDREN**Daughter, Keely  
Son, Garrett**COLLEGE**Attended University  
of Missouri**CAREER AND  
PUBLIC SERVICE**

U.S. Marines

Founder and owner  
of Northern Ag  
Radio Network

Farm Broadcaster

Reporter for Polled  
Hereford Association  
1960-1963

Auctioneer

Football Referee

County Commissioner

Conrad Burns became only the second Republican Senator in Montana's history, defeating incumbent John Melcher in 1988. Now in his third-term, Senator Burns is the longest-serving Republican Senator in Montana history.

With a seat on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Burns has been able to bring in over \$1 billion in federal funds to the state since he took office. He has been a champion of a fiscally conservative government and a strong voice for lower taxes to create new businesses and more jobs. He has expanded Montana's job base by establishing more balanced trade with Canada and brought better education and health care to Montanans by encouraging hi-tech

investment in the state. He has pursued new markets for agricultural producers while securing millions of dollars in grants for research and marketing improvements.

Serving as Chairman of the Senate Interior Appropriations subcommittee for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Burns has jurisdiction over all the country's federal lands and the National Park Service. His love of the outdoors brings him back to Montana several times each month and has made him a guardian of the state's vast natural resources. As a result of his work in the Senate, over 70 rural Montana communities have adopted enforceable drinking water protection programs and funding has become available to safeguard acres of

Montana through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

On the national level, Senator Burns has criticized America's dependency upon foreign oil supplies, calling on Congress to ban imports from Iraq and increase domestic production and research in fuel cell technology. He has also cosponsored a Senate bill to voluntarily arm airline pilots to protect against future terrorist attacks.

In 1997, Senator Burns became Chairman of the Communications Subcommittee, one of the major regulatory posts in Congress. Since then he has been praised as "one of the fathers of the modern Internet," standing for deregulation, the roll-out of broadband in rural areas, and pushing for new Internet and mobile phone technologies. He authored section 706 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and in 1999 unveiled the "Digital Dozen" proposal of telecom legislation. During the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Burns pushed his "Tech 7" agenda, which aimed to bring greater security to the Internet, and during the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Burns unveiled his "NexGenTen" Tech Agenda. At the start of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Burns took helm as Chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee and rolled out his "e-Eleven," Tech Agenda, eleven top priority items to strengthen security and usher reform for 21<sup>st</sup> century communication.

Burns was born on a farm near Gallatin, Missouri on January 25, 1935 to Russell and Mary Frances (Knight) Burns. Graduating from Gallatin High School in 1952, Senator Burns enrolled in the College of Agriculture at the University of Missouri. Two years later Burns enlisted in the Marine Corps and was posted in East Asia.

Following his military service Burns began working for TWA and Ozark airlines until 1962, when he became a field representative for Polled Hereford World magazine in Billings, Montana. Named the first manager of the Northern International Livestock Expo in 1968, Burns began his career in radio and television broadcasting, reporting on agricultural market news and establishing his reputation as the voice of Montana agriculture.

In 1975, Burns founded four radio stations known as the Northern Ag Network, which grew to serve 31 radio and TV stations across Montana and Wyoming when he sold it in 1986.

Burns began his career in politics when he was elected to the Yellowstone County Commission, serving for two years before deciding to run for the U.S. Senate.